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For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF A TWO-LAYER METAL PALLADIUM OR  
PALLADIUM ALLOY COMPOSITE MEMBRANE (AS AMENDED)

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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Official Action mailed June 24, 2009, (for which petition is hereby made for a three-month extension of time), please amend the application as follows: